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Iowa. Legislature.

SPIRIT LAKE TROUBLES—PAY OF THE MILITIA.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

FOR

Paying the militia in Spirit Lake troubles with Indians in March, 1857.

MARCH 16, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION asking Congress to appropriate a sum sufficient to the State of Iowa to indemnify the said State for all necessary expenses incurred in an expedition raised under authority of the governor of the State of Iowa to relieve the settlements at Spirit Lake in March, A. D. 1857.

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the State of Iowa, would respectfully represent that, in consequence of the hostile invasion of the State by a band of Sioux Indians, in the month of March A. D. 1857, whereby a large number of the citizens of this State were brutally murdered and a considerable amount of property destroyed; and whereas, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of this State, it became necessary to raise, arm, and equip a company of men to march to the relief of the settlements; and whereas under the authority of the governor of this State a company of nearly one hundred men were so raised, armed, and equipped, and did march to the scene of the massacre, thereby incurring considerable expense and suffering almost unheard of hardships, and thereby relieving a number of families from starvation, and burying the bodies of the murdered.

Your memorialists would, therefore, respectfully ask of your honorable bodies that a law may be passed providing for the payment to the State of Iowa all the expenses incurred by the said State in consequence of said hostile invasion as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the senators from this State be instructed, and the representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law appropriating a sum as asked for in the fore-

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going memorial, and that the secretary of state forward a copy thereof to each.

STEPHEN B. SHELLEDY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
ORAN FAVILLE,
President of the Senate.

Approved January 30, 1858.

RALPH P. LOWE.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original on file in my office.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secretary of State.

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